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SUBJECT: NEWSMAN'S REPORT OF US PRISONERS IN CAMBODIA

1. ABC NEWS MAY 9 CARRIED REPORT FROM LEE RUDAKEWYCH THAT TWO KR "OFFICERS" WHO BROUGHT WATER TO GROUP SEQUESTERED IN FRENCH EMBASSY PHNOM PENH TOLD HIM THAT KR HOLDS "A NUMBER OF US SERVICEMEN, INCLUDING GROUND OFFICERS, AIR OFFICERS, AND AVIATORS," AND THAT THEY WOULD "CONSIDER EXCHANGING THEM FOR MUCH NEEDED GOODS."

2. STORY HAS BEEN REBROADCAST THROUGH THE DAY AND IS CAUSING WIDE INTEREST AND CONCERN HERE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY BANGKOK CONTACT RUDAKEWYCH (AND OTHER
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RETURNED JOURNALISTS) TO CHECK REPORT, WITH SPECIAL

EMPHASIS ON ITS SOURCE AND ANY ELEMENTS THAT WOULD
ENABLE US TO VERIFY IT AND FOLLOW UP. COORDINATE WITH
DAO.

4. SUGGEST DR. BERNARD PIQUART, CHIEF SURGEON AT CALMETTE
HOSPITAL IN PHNOM PENH, WHO WAS EVACUATED WITH RUDAKEWYCH,
ALSO BE CONTACTED IF POSSIBLE TO SEE IF HE CAN SHED LIGHT
ON THIS REPORT. PIQUART REPORTED BY REUTERS TODAY AS
HAVING WITNESSED NUMEROUS EXECUTIONS AND ATROCITIES IN
PHNOM PENH. KISSINGER

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